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PETITION FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R.§1.136(a)

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request under 37 C.F.R.§1.136(a) to further extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2004. This is a request for a two-month extension of time from June 13, 2004 to August 13, 2004.

Please charge Deposit Account Number 50-1038 the amount of \$840.00, to cover the required extension fee for a large entity. It is noted that in computing the \$840.00 fee, Applicants are deducting the previously paid fee of \$110.00 from the \$950.00 fee specified under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3) (i.e. \$950.00 - \$110.00 = \$840.00).

Please consider this a petition to extend the time to respond if an additional extension of time is deemed necessary by the Office. Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account Number 50-1038 if such additional extension is necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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